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Guaranteed Tuition Program to save Avila students money

Avila College is beginning a Guaranteed Tuition Program for the 1985-86 school year. In the program, a freshman, defined as a first-time college student or one with less than 24 credit hours at another institution, will be able to contract with the college for a guaranteed tuition cost for four consecutive years of full-time enrollment.

For example, a full-time freshman entering Avila next fall will be faced with a \$4,500 tuition bill. The student will have the option of contracting with Avila so that his tuition

will remain at that level during his next three years at Avila. The contracts will be purchased for a fee equal to 10% of the first year's tuition—in this case, \$450 would be the amount of the contract.

Provision has also been made for next semester's sophomores and juniors, according to Tom Lease, Dean of Students. A student who will be a junior next semester will be able to purchase a contract for \$150 to guarantee his tuition will stay at the \$4,500 level. Likewise, a present freshman will be able to contract

with Avila for \$300 to guarantee that his tuition will stay at \$4,500 the next three years.

"The primary reason students leave Avila is financial. If retention is increased only 10%, the program would pay for itself. The cost of recruiting a new student is over \$1,000. Each student who remains for four years guarantees our budget stability," according to Dean Lease. "This plan would benefit students and families in that it would allow for guaranteed costs and accurate family planning for financing a student's education."

The contract fee will be nonrefundable after two successful semesters at Avila; will be valid for consecutive years of attendance only; will be non-transferable; and, must be purchased before the end of the first semester on campus.

Dean Lease said that after July 1 all the details should be finalized. At that time, students may obtain more information by contacting the Student Life Office, Business Office, or the Admissions and Financial Aid Offices.

Club to interview for membership

Open interviews will be held Wednesday, April 24, 1985, in the Helmes Room for Fall 1985 members of the Avila Ambassadors. Ambassadors are a group of select students who volunteer their time through the Admissions Office in a public relations capacity.

These students:

Provide tours on campus; represent the college at public events, such as the Steer Dinner, the Madeline Hunter Conference, PAVA Day; act as hosts/hostesses in a variety of functions, such as Big Brother/Big Sister to prospective students or sponsoring Christmas Care Packages to current students.

Students should have a 2.5 grade point average and should be of a professional nature. Those selected will have the opportunity to serve as liaison between the department of their major and the Admissions Office, to travel to area high schools for recruitment, and to work directly in building a better college environment.

Applications, available in lower Basco, should be completed and returned to the Admissions Office prior to the meeting time. For additional information, call Kathleen Duncan at (816) 942-8400, extension 203.

Fr. McCormick to address ethical issues in health care

Avila's 1985 Distinguished Chair Lecturer is Richard Arthur McCormick, S.J., Rose F. Kennedy Professor of Christian Ethics at The Kennedy Institute of Ethics at Georgetown University. The Lecture Series is sponsored by Avila's Department of Nursing and funded by the Hall Family Foundation.

The topic for this lecture is "Ethical issues in Health Care: Tradition and Translation in the 1980's." It will be presented in Goppert Theatre on Wednesday, April 24, at 8:00 p.m. To obtain free tickets, call 942-8400.

Fr. McCormick, a distinguished scholar, lecturer, and theologian, is the author of numerous books, including **Ambiguity in Moral Choice**, **Doing Evil to Achieve Good**, and **How Brave a New World?** He is also a regular contributor to dozens of journals of medicine, theology and philosophy.

Fr. McCormick earned his doctorate in theology from the Gregorian University in Rome and holds honorary doctorate degrees from three universities. In his most recent book, **Health and Medicine in the Catholic Tradition**, the author suggests that the Church's position on many health issues is in transition, reflecting "a contemporary consciousness" rather than a fixed, immutable position with regard to the following: birth control and responsible parenthood; treatment of the newborn with disabilities, ethical guidelines for the care of the retarded, the aged and the dying; and a newly emerging concern for justice in health care.

Seating is limited for Fr. McCormick's lecture, so call early to reserve tickets.

Congratulations Seniors!

Congratulations, seniors! It's finally here! The countdown to graduation ends on Saturday, May 11, when 220 Avila seniors receive their diplomas.

Many activities are planned for commencement weekend. A barbeque for graduates and their families will be held on Friday, May 10, at 6:00 p.m. in the Marian Centre Dining Room. Guest tickets may be purchased in the Academic Dean's Office for \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12.

A Graduation Coffee will be hosted by members of the Alumni Association in the Marian Centre Dining Room on Saturday, May 11, at 9:30 a.m.

The Honors Convocation will then be held at 10:30 a.m. in Mabee Fieldhouse. It will honor outstanding students, faculty, and staff.

Graduation Mass will be at 4:00 p.m. in Mabee Fieldhouse, and Commencement will begin at 6:00 p.m. in Mabee Fieldhouse.

The Mistress of Ceremonies will be Sister Barbara Moore, Chairperson of the Nursing Department. Delivering the keynote address at graduation will be Sister Olive Louise Dallavis, President of Avila College. This will be the last graduating class to have Sister Olive Louise as President since she will be retiring in October.

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"Dames at Sea"

The Theatre and Music Divisions will present the musical, "Dames at Sea" on April 26 and 27. Each production will begin at 8 p.m. in the Goppert Theatre.

Students may reserve their complimentary ticket by contacting the Theatre Box Office.

National Nurses' Day

Monday, May 6, 1985, has been proclaimed National Nurses' Day. The Nursing Department of Avila College is proud to be a part of the nationwide celebration to honor the nation's 1.7 million registered nurses.

Avila's nursing program is the strongest in the area. It has been in existence for 40 years, and is Kansas City's first NLN-accredited baccalaureate nursing program. The strength of the department is particularly exhibited through the Missouri Nurses Association which has three Avila graduates as officers: Nancy Barr, President; Linda Hessler, Vice-President; and Mary Fran Roberts, Treasurer.

"Nursing care makes a difference" and Avila plays a big part in filling Kansas City's nursing needs.

Ushers Needed

Ushers are needed on Saturday, May 11, for the following Commencement events:

Graduation Mass 4:00 p.m. Mabee Fieldhouse

Commencement 6:00 p.m. Mabee Fieldhouse

Please contact the Academic Dean's office as soon as possible if you are willing to usher at one or both of these events.

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For more information, please contact:

Deb Volkmer, Director of Student Development,
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Letters to the Editors are always welcome.

Computer Software

The Nursing Department has purchased computer software to help nursing students prepare for their state boards. This software, known as Nursestar, consists of three different practice tests. Each test is complete and can be used individually. A copy of this software package is available in the library.

House Sitting

Very responsible couple in middle 30's wanting to house sit. Moving to KC so she can attend medical school. Will do yard work and maintenance. References available. (316) 669-0902, after 4:30 p.m.

Sophomore Nursing Students

Sophomore nursing students can become certified as nursing assistants. The students who take the nursing course (NU 100) will receive credit for its theory content and practice in the Nursing Learning Resource Center. The certification test will be at Kingswood Manor, an extended care facility used by the nursing department through Pam McNally, RN, Director of Nursing.

Arrangements for this certification were made with the Missouri Department of Social Services, Division of Aging, and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

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Division maintains strength for future

by Shelley Shifflett

Recently, the Communications Division at Avila College has undergone some major renovations, and it is hoped the future holds some improvements which will make the division one of the most up-to-date in the area.

The division, which already boasts a quarter million dollar television studio, is currently updating its curriculum to include courses in

leadership and management and also more variety in the journalism department. CO 197, a new course offered this spring, brings magazine journalism and video editing to the student.

"With communications being so ever changing, CO 197 will be a vital new part of the program," says Jani Rogers, Coordinator of the Communications Division. "There will

also be a summer 197 course which will offer leadership and management, courses which can be of great benefit to the returning student."

In addition to these weekend courses, the division will offer three five-week courses for the upcoming fall semester. These will include intercultural communication, gender communication, and conflict management.

Rogers believes the new curriculum will add much needed experience in administration. "These are courses offered to a wide variety of people, not just the communications major. The major offers knowledge in all areas, not just journalism, television, or radio. But, it also offers the student the opportunity to specialize if he or she chooses."

The division is also looking toward more active involvement in the print media. Rogers hopes the Avila Examiner which is currently published under the direction of Deb Volkmer, Director of Student Development, will soon be an off-chute of the Communications Division, with an eye to booklets and possibly a yearbook.

"This is a viable college and we would like to see its history recorded in yearbook style," adds Rogers.

The division is presently working on several special projects. "We gained rights to work in cooperation with the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, and the Diocese of Kansas City/St. Joseph to tape and produce a Catholic mass which currently airs at 7 a.m. every Sunday morning," says Rogers. Kevin Campbell, who teaches courses in radio and television at Avila, coordinates the shootings and works with students to produce the Masses. Says Rogers, "Kevin has been a valuable asset in acquiring and maintaining the studio equipment. He has been especially helpful with these special projects."

The division also regularly submits special programming to American Cablevision, and offers internships in many areas of communications.

Although Rogers will be leaving after this spring, the college plans to perpetuate the program and is actively looking for a new coordinator.

"With all the money and time that has been invested in the department, it would be ridiculous to let it all go," asserts Campbell. "For all those considering communications as a major, or those currently in the program, it will be going strong."

Communications, which is a division of the Department of Performing and Visual Arts (PAVA), is looking toward the future with great anticipation. "Dr. William Louis, Chairperson of the PAVA Department, and the Avila administration, have given me the opportunity to develop a program that is unequalled in this area's educational area" stresses Rogers. "I am grateful to have worked toward something so beneficial for Avila and the community."

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Business majors gain experience, earn credit

by Mary Frances Scalisi

The Business Internship Program is going strong, according to Bob Samson, Business Internship Coordinator. For nine consecutive academic terms, since the summer of 1982, the program has enabled business majors to gain real world experience while earning academic credit.

In the program, one credit hour is equivalent to 50 work hours. Students may earn up to six credit hours in one semester, up to a total of twelve credit hours. Students are

graded on a pass/fail basis.

"In the program, theory and practice are intermingled," says Mr. Samson. "It allows the student to explore various career paths when he can't decide what his long-range career objectives may be."

There have been 85 student placements at 70 participating employers since the program's inception.

Mr. Samson is encouraging students to contact him now for summer and fall placement. He will try to match the student's interests

with an appropriate company.

For more information, contact Bob Samson at extension 330. Students who participated in the fall '84 semester were: Judy Barackman, Joe Bryde, Patricia Caruso, Ron Essmyer, Marc Halvorson, Larry Larson, David Morando, Judith Page, Theresa Shepard, Tracy Smith, and Ada Washington.

Spring '85 participants and their employers are as follows: Judy Barackman, Avila Public Relations; Linda Bernskoetter, Midwest Research Institute; James Clark, Mid-America Coalition on Health Care; Susan Hammer and Jeanne Johnston, both at Valentine-Radford; Michael Leonard, Mayer Research Institute; James Clark, Mid-America Coalition on Health Care; Susan Hammer and Jeanne Johnston, both at Valentine-Radford; Michael Leonard, Mayer Hoffman McCann; Kelly McKeon, Eastern Airlines; Mary Frances Scalisi, Avila Public Relations; Theresa Shepard, J.C. Penny Co., and Virginia Velzquez, Hammer Bros., Inc.

Bishop Hogan High reunion to feature variety of events

An All School Spirit Reunion for all graduates and former students of Bishop Hogan High School will be held **June 28, 29 and 30th**. This weekend-long event will involve all classes from 1944 thru 1985 and will include a variety of events and activities for graduates and/or their spouses and families. This reunion has been planned for the weekend immediately preceding the K.C. Spirit Festival and the Fourth of July to allow B.H.H.S. alums to participate in this exciting week in Kansas City.

Any alums who have not been receiving mail from B.H.H.S. or wish further information should contact the Alumni Office, Bishop Hogan High School, 1221 East Meyer Blvd., K.C., MO 64131 or 444-3464 during school hours.

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